ANNUAL TOWN MEETING April 24, 26, May 1, 3, 8, 10, & June 19, 1995

The meeting was televised by Amherst Community Television.

The 236th Annual Town Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Harrison Gregg, at 7:41 p.m. There were 250 town meeting members. 140 checked in and a quorum was declared. Harrison Gregg was sworn to the faithful performance of his duties as Moderator. After taking the oath, he swore in the body of town meeting members. The call and return of the warrant were read by Assistant Town Clerk Margaret Nartowicz. A moment of silence was held for the victims and rescuers of Oklahoma City. Roger Wallace, Hilda Greenbaum, Nonny Burack, James Pistrang, Harry Brooks and Stephen Ziperstein were sworn as tellers.

<u>ARTICLE 1</u>. Voted unanimously that the Town hear only those reports of the Town officers, Finance Committee, and any other Town boards or committees which are not available in written form. Action taken on 4/24/95.

<u>ARTICLE 2</u>. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$520 to pay an unpaid bill of the 1994 fiscal year.

Action taken on 4/24/95.

ARTICLE 3. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Action taken on 4/24/95.

<u>ARTICLE 4</u>. Voted that the Town authorize a maximum exemption of 100 percent for taxpayers qualifying for exemption under M.G.L. Ch. 59, Sec. 17D, 22, 37A, and 41C. Action taken on 4/24/95.

- <u>ARTICLE 5</u>. Voted YES 186, NO 4 that the Town authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for a special act which provides that notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and notwithstanding the Town's acceptance of the provisions of Section 3A of Chapter 64G of the General Laws, within the Town of Amherst:
 - (1)exemption "(a)" of Section 2 of Chapter 64G shall be amended by substituting for the expression "lodging accommodations" the following expression "residential (but not including transient) lodging accommodations" such that exemption "(a)" then reads: "(a)"residential (but not including transient) lodging accommodations at federal, state or municipal institutions;" and
 - (2)exemption "(b)" of Section 2 of Chapter 64G shall be amended by substituting for the expression "lodging accommodations" the following expression: "residential (but not including transient) lodging accommodations," such that exemption "(b)" then reads: "(b)" residential (but not including transient) lodging accommodations at religious, charitable, education or philanthropic institutions;" and
 - (3)"transient" shall be interpreted to mean "occupancy" as defined in Section 190 of Chapter 64G, except that "a period of 30 consecutive days" shall abe substituted for "a period of 90 consecutive days".

Action taken on 4/24/95.

<u>ARTICLE 6</u>. DISMISSED. FY 95 Operating Budget Amendment - Police Arbitration Decision Action taken on 4/24/95.

ARTICLE 7. a: Voted that the Town amend the Personnel Bylaw by adopting Amended Tables I, II and III, effective July 1, 1995.

Action taken on 4/24/95.

b: Voted YES 108, NO 51 in terms of "Town of Amherst, Massachusetts Personnel Bylaw Amended Through September 1, 1995," except that in paragraph two of Section 3 to change "...a nomination..." to read "...nominations..." Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 7 Personnel Board

Amended Tables, I, II, and III, effective July 1, 1995

TABLE I

Salary Schedule for Professional, Administrative, Clerical, and Technical Personnel (PACT)(All Employees Not Covered Under Collective Bargaining), Effective July 1, 1995.

	Step 1	Step 2	<u>Step 3</u>	Step 4	<u>Step 5</u>	Step 6	<u>Step 7</u>	<u>Step 8</u>	<u>Step 9</u>	<u>Step 10</u>	<u>Step 11</u>
Level 1											
weekly	269.93	282.35	295.35	308.91	323.12	338.00	353.54	369.81	392.95	411.02	429.93
annual	14,036	14,682	15,358	16,063	16,802	17,576	18,384	19,230	20,433	21,373	22,356
Level 2	000.00	202.64	917.00	220.00	9.47. 50	969.40	200.00	207.70	400.14	441.50	461.07
weekly	290.29	303.64	317.62	332.22	347.50	363.49	380.22	397.70	422.14	441.56	461.87
annual	15,095	15,789	16,516	17,275	18,070	18,901	19,771	20,680	21,951	22,961	24,017
Level 3											
weekly	311.87	326.20	341.22	356.91	373.31	390.50	408.45	427.27	453.08	473.91	495.72
annual	16,217	16,962	17,743	18,559	19,412	20,306	21,239	22,218	23,560	24,643	25,777
Level 4	005.05	0.50.50	000.00	000.01	401.45	410.05	100.04	450.45	100 51	700.14	500 5C
weekly	335.37	350.79	366.93	383.81	401.47	419.95	439.24	459.45	486.74	509.14	532.56
annual	17,439	18,241	19,080	19,958	20,876	21,837	22,840	23,891	25,310	26,475	27,693
Level 5											
weekly	361.24	377.89	395.25	413.43	432.45	452.35	473.16	494.93	523.83	547.93	573.14
annual	18,784	19,650	20,553	21,498	22,487	23,522	24,604	25,736	27,239	28,492	29,803
Level 6											
weekly	397.37	415.64	434.75	454.77	475.68	497.58	520.47	544.41	575.60	602.08	629.75
annual	20,663	21,613	22,607	23,648	24,735	25,874	27,064	28,309	29,931	31,308	32,747
Level 7											
weekly	437.12	457.24	478.29	500.25	523.29	547.35	572.52	598.89	632.56	661.66	692.10
annual	22,730	23,776	24,871	26,013	27,211	28,462	29,771	31,142	32,893	34,406	35,989
<u>Level 8</u>											
weekly	480.85	502.97	526.10	550.31	575.62	602.12	629.79	658.77	695.25	727.22	760.70
annual	25,004	26,154	27,357	28,616	29,932	31,310	32,749	34,256	36,153	37,815	39,556
Level 9											
weekly	528.93	553.25	578.70	605.31	633.16	662.31	692.77	724.62	764.10	799.25	836.02
annual	27,504	28,769	30,092	31,476	32,924	34,440	36,024	37,680	39,733	41,561	43,473
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Level 10											
weekly	581.81	608.58	636.56	665.87	696.49	728.52	762.02	797.08	839.89	878.54	918.97
annual	30,254	31,646	33,101	34,625	36,217	37,883	39,625	41,448	43,674	45,684	47,786

TABLE II

Salary Schedule for Management Plan (All Employees Not Covered Under Collective Bargaining), Effective July 1, 1995.

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	<u>Step 5</u>	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	<u>Step 10</u>	<u>Step 11</u>
<u>Level 1</u> weekly	503.68	526.85	551.08	576.43	602.99	630.70	659.72	690.04	727.95	761.43	796.45
annual	26,191	27,396	28,656	29,974	31,355	32,796	34,305	35,882	37,853	39,594	41,415
Level 2											
weekly	581.79	608.54	636.54	665.81	696.45	728.50	762.00	797.06	839.85	878.50	918.91
annual	30,253	31,644	33,100	34,622	36,215	37,882	39,624	41,447	43,672	45,682	47,783
Level 3											
weekly	609.41	637.45	666.77	697.47	729.54	763.10	798.18	834.91	879.49	919.95	962.25
annual	31,689	33,147	34,672	36,268	37,936	39,681	41,505	43,415	45,733	47,837	50,037
Level 4											
weekly	670.43	701.27	733.52	767.25	802.56	839.49	878.08	918.50	966.89	1011.37	1057.89
annual	34,862	36,466	38,143	39,897	41,733	43,653	45,660	47,762	50,278	52,591	55,010
<u>Level 5</u>											
weekly	737.45	771.35	806.85	843.95	882.79	923.39	965.87	1010.27	1062.91	1111.81	1162.97
annual	38,347	40,110	41,956	43,885	45,905	48,016	50,225	52,534	55,271	57,814	60,474

Level 6

TABLE III

Salary Schedule for Part-Time [Without Benefits] Positions (All Employees Not Covered Under Collective Bargaining), Effective July 1, 1995.

	Rate 1	Rate 2	<u>Rate 3</u>	Rate 4	<u>Rate 5</u>	Rate 6	Rate 7	Rate 8	<u>Rate 9</u>	<u>Rate 10</u>	<u>Rate 11</u>	<u>Rate 12</u>	<u>Rate 13</u>
<u>Level 1</u>													
hourly	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	4.57	4.79	5.03	5.28	5.54	5.82	6.10	6.42
Level 2													
hourly	XXX	XXX	XXX	4.56	4.78	5.02	5.27	5.54	5.82	6.10	6.41	6.74	7.07
Level 3													
hourly	XXX	4.55	4.77	5.01	5.26	5.52	5.80	6.08	6.39	6.70	7.04	7.38	7.75
Level 4													
hourly	4.76	5.00	5.25	5.51	5.79	6.07	6.38	6.69	7.03	7.37	7.74	8.13	8.54
<u>Level 5</u>													
hourly	5.23	5.50	5.78	6.06	6.36	6.68	7.02	7.36	7.7 3	8.12	8.52	8.95	9.39
<u>Level 6</u>													
hourly	5.77	6.04	6.35	6.67	7.01	7.35	7.71	8.10	8.50	8.93	9.38	9.84	10.34
Level 7													
hourly	6.33	6.65	6.97	7.33	7.69	8.08	8.48	8.91	9.35	9.82	10.33	10.84	11.38
<u>Level 8</u>													
hourly	6.96	7.31	7.68	8.07	8.47	8.89	9.33	9.80	10.30	10.81	11.35	11.92	12.51
Level 9													
hourly	7.66	8.04	8.45	8.87	9.31	9.78	10.27	10.78	11.32	11.88	12.48	13.10	13.76
Level 10													
hourly	8.43	8.84	9.29	9.75	10.24	10.76	11.29	11.85	12.45	13.06	13.72	14.41	15.12

ARTICLE 8. FY 96 Operating Budget

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$2,690,690 for General Government, that the salary of the Moderator be fixed at \$10, that of the Board of Selectmen at \$300 each, that of the Elector under the Oliver Smith Will at \$20, and that to meet such appropriation \$2,690,690 be raised by taxation.

Action taken on 4/24/95.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$4,491,246 for Public Safety, that \$4,151,246 be raised by taxation, and that \$340,000 be transferred from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Action taken on 4/24/95.

PUBLIC WORKS

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,381,559 for Public Works and that to meet such appropriation \$1,269,559 be raised by taxation, \$110,000 be transferred from Parking Meter Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, and \$2,000 be transferred from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account.

Action taken on 4/24/95.

^{*}Salaries set pursuant to Section 12 a) 4. of Personnel By-law (adopted May 1988).

PLANNING/CONSERVATION/INSPECTIONS

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$558,623 for Planning/Conservation/ Inspections and that to meet such appropriation \$4,000 be transferred from Puffers Pond Donations and \$554,623 be raised by taxation. Action taken on 4/24/95.

10:00 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, April 26, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 201 town meeting members checked in.

The adjourned session of Wednesday, April 26, 1995 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:42 p.m. 150 town meeting members were checked in.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$803,602 for Community Services and that to meet such appropriation \$803,602 be raised by taxation.

Action taken on 4/26/95.

DEBT SERVICE

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$941,724 for payment of principal and interest on the Town's General Fund indebtedness and that to meet such appropriation \$911,724 be raised by taxation and that \$30,000 be transferred from Parking Meter Receipts Reserved for Appropriation.

Action taken on 4/26/95.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,204,891 for Library Services, and that to meet such appropriation \$754,224 be raised by taxation, that \$73,490 be transferred from State Aid to Library Accounts, that \$304,175 be accepted from Jones Library, Inc., and that \$73,002 be accepted from grants, gifts, or bequests.

Action taken on 4/26/95.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Voted that the Town appropriate \$11,041,697 for the Amherst Elementary Schools and to meet such appropriation \$11,041,697 be raised by taxation.

Action taken on 4/26/95.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS

Voted that the Town appropriate \$5,916,681 as its proportionate share of the operating and capital costs of the Amherst-Pelham Regional School District, and that to meet such appropriation \$5,916,681 be raised by taxation.

Action taken on 4/26/95.

WATER FUND

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$953,649 for the Water Fund Operating Budget, \$688,309 for payment of principal and interest on Water Fund debt, that \$1,918,000 be made available from Water revenues of the current year, and that \$521,935 be made available from Water Fund surplus.

Action taken on 4/26/95.

SEWER FUND

Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$1,314,,458 for the Sewer Fund Operating Budget, \$182,147 for payment of principal and interest on Sewer Fund debt, and that \$1,989,575 be made available from Sewer revenues of the current year.

Action taken on 4/26/95.

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10:00 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Monday, May 1, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 184 town meeting members were checked in.

The adjourned session of Monday, May 1, 1995 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:42 p.m. 141 town meeting members were checked in.

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SOLID WASTE FUND

Voted that the Town appropriate \$379,343 for the Solid Waste Fund Operating Budget, \$760,487 for payment of principal and interest on Solid Waste Fund debt, that \$1,071,000 be made available from Solid Waste revenues of the current year, and that \$314,102 be made available from Solid Waste Fund surplus.

Action taken on 5/1/95.

GOLF COURSE FUND

Voted YES 135, NO 23 that the Town appropriate \$148,132 for the Golf Course Fund Operating Budget and \$141,360 for payment of principal and interest on Golf Course Fund debt, that \$173,500 be made available from Golf Course revenues of the current year, and that \$141,360 be transferred from the Sale of Real Estate Account.

Action taken on 5/1/95.

ARTICLE 9. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,350,167 for the Hampshire County Retirement System assessment. Action taken on 5/1/95.

<u>ARTICLE 10</u>. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,500 for Amherst Community Television and related expenses. Action taken on 5/1/95.

ARTICLE 11. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$60,000 for the development and coordination of support services essential to the tenants of congregate housing, said program to be fully reimbursed by the Department of Elder Affairs. Action taken on 5/1/95.

ARTICLE 12. Voted unanimously that the Town endorse no-fare public transit service to the Echo Hill, Cushman, and Orchard Valley areas of the Town and for elderly and disabled special services, and approve the levying of an assessment by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the

Town's proportionate share of the cost of such services. Action taken on 5/1/95.

ARTICLE 13. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$112,700 for the following human services agencies:

Amherst Survival Center\$22,000	
Amherst Survival Center	
Center for Human Development	
Helen Mitchell Family Outreach Project	
Center for Human Development - Not Bread Alone 5,000 Children's Aid and Family Services 66,000 Commuter Resources - Homesharing 1,200 Everywoman's Center 2,500 First Call for Help 8,000	
Children's Aid and Family Services	
Commuter Resources - Homesharing	
Everywoman's Center	
First Call for Help	
Hampshire Community Action Commission - Amherst Family Center	
Hampshire County VNA Senior Health Services	
Necessities/Necesidades	
Resource Center - Companion Program	
Resource Center - Counseling Program	
YWCA	
After-School Tuition Program	

Action taken on 5/1/95.

ARTICLE 14. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate \$7,000 for operating expenses of the Charter Commission. Action taken on 5/1/95.

ARTICLE 15. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate such amount as the State may provide for the construction or repair of certain roads in town, authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.

Action taken on 5/1/95.

<u>ARTICLE 16</u>. Voted unanimously that the Town authorize expenditure of \$150,000 of Chapter 90 funds for road improvements to Market Hill Road.

Action taken on 5/1/95.

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10:00 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, May 3, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 202 town meeting members checked in.

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The adjourned session of Wednesday, May 3, 1995 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:45 p.m. 138 town meeting members were checked in

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ARTICLE 17. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$26,000 of Chapter 90 funds to acquire certain parcels of land (or portions thereof) in the vicinity of the intersection of College Street and South East Street by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise, in fee, or as easements or other interest in land necessary for the reconstruction of said intersection and associated costs of acquisition, being lands and easements now or formerly of V.S.H. Realty, Inc., Fleet Bank of Massachusetts NA, and Angelo M. Baggetta.

Action taken on 5/3/95.

ARTICLE 18. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$767,500 to purchase, repair, and/or install the items of equipment listed in the article and be authorized to turn in or sell corresponding items of equipment as part payment and that to meet such appropriation \$190,000 be transferred from the Stabilization Fund, \$92,000 be made available from Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, \$200,000 be made available from Chapter 90 funds, \$5,000 be made available from Sewer revenues of the current year, and \$280,500 be raised by taxation.

Photocopier Backhoe Computers Pickup truck Police station card readers Sidewalk snow-plow Cruisers (3) Road sweeper Repeater/Antenna system 5' riding mower Breathalyzer Used tractor Fire dept. breathing apparatus Special Education vans (2) Dump truck Ambulance Paramedic Equipment

Action taken on 5/3/95.

ARTICLE 19. Voted that the Town appropriate \$227,500 to repair and/or improve facilities listed in the article and that to meet such appropriation \$10,000 be made available from Sewer revenues of the current year, \$10,000 be made available from Water surplus, \$6,500 be transferred from Article 17 (FY91, North Amherst Library Foundation), and \$201,000 be raised by taxation.

Child Care Facility kitchen exhaust system
Downtown improvements
Public Works facility improvements
ADA parking facility improvements
Oil-storage tank removals
Mill River ADA and bathhouse renovations
School carpet replacement
School HVAC modifications
Energy management system for Wildwood School
North Amherst Library improvements

Action taken on 5/3/95.

 $\underline{\text{ARTICLE }20}.~$ Sale of Cushman School - Voted unanimously to DISMISS. Action taken on 5/3/95.

<u>ARTICLE 21</u>. Voted unanimously that the Town approve the relocation of an easement over land now or formerly of Carol Steele at 197 Henry Street to a more southerly location on the same parcel, and to authorize the Select Board to accept a parcel of land of approximately 1,100 square feet at the same address.

Action taken on 5/3/95.

ARTICLE 22. Voted unanimously that the Town raise and appropriate \$15,000 to assist the Department of Food and Agriculture, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with the purchase of Agricultural Preservation Restrictions on farms located on Belchertown Road in Amherst. Action taken on 5/3/95.

ARTICLE 23. Purchase of Property - Meadow Street - Voted unanimously to DISMISS.

Action taken on 5/3/95.

ARTICLE 24. Voted YES 105, NO 18 that the Town appropriate \$39,000 for the acquisition of Parcel 25, Map 29B of the Town Cadastre, now or formerly of A. Rogers and A. Nugent, for conservation purposes, and to meet such appropriation \$30,000 be transferred from the Stabilization Fund and the Select Board be authorized to accept \$9,000 in donations and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.

Action taken on 5/3/95.

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10:20 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Monday, May 8, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 172 town meeting members were checked in.

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The adjourned session of Monday, May 8, 1995 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:41 p.m. 130 town meeting members checked in.

ARTICLE 25. Voted YES 152, NO 10 that the Town appropriate \$182,000 for the acquisition by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise, of 188 acres of property located on Sand Hill Road in Shutesbury, known as the Gage purchase, for watershed protection purposes and that to meet such appropriation \$182,000 be transferred from Article 2 (Special Town Meeting 5/86, Atkins Treatment Plant).

Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 26. Voted unanimously to DISMISS. Ruxton Land Acquisition

Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 27. Voted unanimously to DISMISS. Ruxton Property

Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 28. Voted that the Town appropriate \$177,000 to repair and/or improve the enterprise funds facilities listed in the article and that to meet such appropriation, \$85,000 be made available from the Water Fund surplus, \$72,000 be made available from the Sewer revenues of the current year, and \$20,000 be made available from the Solid Waste Fund surplus.

Well #4 alterations

Atkins Reservoir leak-detection system

Atkins Reservoir screenhouse

Replace water mains on Farview Way and East Leverett Road

Clarifier sandblasting

West Street pump station controller

Landfill building addition

Replace Polymer System

Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 29. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate \$164,000 to purchase, repair, and/or install new or replacement enterprise funds equipment listed in the article, except to purchase one pickup truck, and be authorized to turn in or sell corresponding items of equipment as part payment and that to meet such appropriation \$80,000 be made available from the Solid Waste Fund surplus, \$42,000 be made available from the Water Fund surplus, and \$42,000 be made available from the Sewer revenues of the current year.

Pickup trucks (2)

Air compressor

Van

Used dump truck

Loader

Portable emergency generator

Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 30. Voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer \$79,483 from Free Cash in the undesignated fund balance of the General Fund to reduce the tax levy of the 1996 Fiscal Year.

Action taken on 5/8/95.

<u>ARTICLE 31</u>. Voted that the Town rescind the Committee on Bicycling and amend the charge of the Public Transportation Committee as follows to establish a permanent sub-committee on bicycling:

The committee will also maintain a permanent sub-committee concerning bicycling. The sub-committee purposes include:

1) fostering of public awareness of the rules for safe bicycling,

2) reviewing town bylaws and other laws that affect bicycling and making recommendations regarding these laws and their enforcement, 3) recommending the designation and development of commuter and recreational routes and parking facilities for bicycling within the town,

4)reviewing plans for the subdivisions or development of land, and the construction or reconstruction of sidewalks, roads, and intersections within the town.

and to increase the number of voting members to 9, with 2 members representing the town's cyclists. Action taken on 6/19/95.

ARTICLE 32. Voted that the Town amend the Town Bylaws by adding the following "Handicapped Parking Bylaw":

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst has determined that there has been improper parking in spaces designated for disabled veterans and handicapped persons in the Town of Amherst on properties other than public ways; and

WHEREAS, a large number of residents and visitors to the Town of Amherst are disabled veterans or handicapped persons who may be unable to use these spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized by the Home Rule Amendment, the Home Rule Procedures Act, and General Laws Chapter 40, Section 21 (Clause 23), to adopt a bylaw to regulate such parking and to enforce its provisions by fine or non-criminal disposition under Section 21D of said chapter;

NOW THEREFORE, BY ACTION OF ITS TOWN MEETING, THE TOWN OF AMHERST DOES HEREBY ADOPT THE FOLLOWING BYLAW:

Handicapped Parking Bylaw

Section 1 - It shall be unlawful for any person to leave any vehicle within parking spaces on public or private property which are required, under any provision of federal, state or local laws or regulations, to be designated and are clearly marked as reserved for vehicles owned and operated by disabled veterans or handicapped persons, except a vehicle transporting a handicapped person and displaying the special identification plate issued by the Town of Amherst, any state or any Canadian province, or to leave a vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct a curb ramp designed for use by handicapped persons as a means of egress to a street or public way.

Section 2 - The penalty for violation of this bylaw shall be not less than fifty dollars; provided, however, that nothing herein shall be construed as prohibiting the removal, in accordance with the provisions of section one hundred and twenty **D** of chapter two hundred and sixty-six, of any vehicle which is in violation of this bylaw.

Section 3 - This bylaw shall be enforced by the Town of Amherst Police Department or Disabilities Access Coordinator. Penalties for violations may be enforced by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to Section 21D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Section 4 - This by law shall be known and referred to as the "Handicapped Parking By law." Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 33. Voted unanimously that the Town amend Section 6.14, Minimum Setback, by deleting the language in brackets [] and adding the shaded language, as follows:

6.14 Minimum Setback

The minimum setback shall be determined by a line parallel to the street right-of-way line extending from one side lot line to the other. No part of any building, except uncovered steps, and no accessory structure (other than a sign) having a height of more than four feet shall be placed within or protrude into the area between the setback line and the street line. In the case of corner lots, the setback line shall be observed for all bordering streets.

In the General Business (B-G) [d]District[s], the 20 foot minimum setback applies only to a part of a building which is within 200 feet of the side boundary of a Residence District abutting on the same street within the same block; otherwise, [a 5 foot] no setback is required. Action taken on 5/8/95.

ARTICLE 34. Voted unanimously that the Town amend Section 6.15, Minimum Side Yard, by deleting the language in brackets [] and adding the shaded language , as follows:

6.15 Minimum Side Yard

The minimum side yard shall be the area between the side lot line and the side yard setback line, extending from the front yard to the rear lot line.

An accessory structure may be located within the minimum side yard only if it is located behind the front building line.

An accessory structure having a height of six feet or less shall be set back a minimum of three feet from the side lot line. An accessory structure over six feet in height shall be set back a distance equal to its height.

In the General Business (B-G) and Light Industrial (LI) districts, minimum side yards shall be at least 20 feet when adjoining a residence district. Otherwise, side yards are not required, but if provided, shall be at least ten feet[,].

[and provided further that i] In the General Residence (R-G) [d] District[,] a single story garage, tool shed, gazebo or similar accessory structure may, under a [s] Special [p] Permit, be located within the side yard behind the [back] frontline of the principal building if such use, [and] location and proposed dimensions are consistent with the prevailing pattern of existing development for such structures in the neighborhood.

Action taken on 5/8/95.

3.357 Shop of a bicycle mechanic, printer, blacksmith, builder, carpenter, caterer, electrician, lawnmower mechanic, mason, painter, plumber, roofer or other member of a recognized trade.

R-O <u>R-LD</u>	<u>R-N</u>	<u>R-VC</u>	<u>R-G</u>	<u>R-F</u>	<u>B-G</u>	<u>B-L</u>	<u>B-VC</u>	<u>COM</u>	<u>OP</u>	<u>LI</u>	<u>PRP</u>	<u>FPC</u>
N	N	N	N SP	N	[N]	SP	SP	SPR	N	N	N	N

All work and storage to be conducted within a building.

All trades shop operations shall undertake all reasonable measures to prevent noise, vibration, dust, fumes or odors from creating a disturbance or nuisance beyond the limits of the establishment. No operations shall be allowed which are hazardous by reason of potential fire, explosion, radiation or similar hazard.

Action taken on 5/8/95.

10:00 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Wednesday, May 10, 1995 in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 178 town meeting members were checked in.

(The meeting voted to defer consideration of Article 31 until after Article 41.)

The adjourned session of Wednesday, May 10, 1995 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:42 p.m. 126 town meeting members were checked in.

ARTICLE 36. Voted unanimously that the Town amend Sections. 2.05, 2.2, 3.2435. 3.25, 3.29, 14.43 and Article 12 by deleting the language in brackets [], adding the shaded language and renumbering sections, as follows:

A.Remove Section 3.29, Aquifer Protection, from the Table of Contents. Paginate as necessary.

B.Amend Section 2.05, Resource Protection Districts, by removing the heading and paragraph referring to the Aquifer Protection (AP) District and by amending the paragraph referring to the Aquifer Recharge Protection (ARP) District, as follows:

ARP Aquifer Recharge Protection

The ARP District is an overlay district intended to provide additional protection to those lands which, by virtue of their location, slope, soils, subsurficial geology[,] and water tables, constitute the recharge area[, plus a 300 foot buffer,] for Zones I, II and III of the public water supply wells of the Town of Amherst within the Lawrence Swamp Aquifer.

C.Amend Section 2.2, Boundary Interpretations, as follows:

- 2.26 The Watershed (WP) [d]District is bounded by the topographic ridge on the upside, the fall lines (lines normal to actual topographic contours) on the lateral sides, and [either] the Shutesbury town line by the Atkins Reservoir [or the ARP Districts on the downside].
- [2.27 The Aquifer Recharge Protection (ARP) District is bounded by the following conditions on the upside and lateral sides:

Property lines, WP downside line, topographic ridge, soil limits, Town lines and other lines as noted on the map;

and bounded by the limit of the clay cap which overlays the Lawrence Swamp basin on the downside.]

- **D.** Amend Section 3.2435 by deleting the language in brackets [], and adding the shaded language , as follows:
 - 3.2435Industrial or commercial storage of sodium chloride and other de-icing materials, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other hazardous lawn and garden chemicals is prohibited. [Ice control measures shall not include the use of sodium chloride in this district.]

Sodium chloride, if used for ice control, shall be used at a level consistent with public highway safety standards. The base ratio shall be 1 part sodium chloride to 10 parts sand, with higher levels of sodium chloride used only where necessary to maintain public safety. Calcium chloride, chemically treated abrasives and other alternative de-icing materials shall be used to the maximum extent feasible for winter road maintenance. Municipal storage of all such snow and ice chemicals shall occur on a paved surface, with berms, within a covered structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contamination run-off or leachate.

The outdoor storage of de-icing materials or pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other hazardous land and garden chemicals for home use is prohibited.

E.Amend Section 3.25 by deleting the language in brackets [], adding the shaded language and relocating and renumbering sections, as follows:

3.25 Aquifer Recharge Protection (ARP) District

3.251 Establishment of District

The Aquifer Recharge Protection (ARP) District shall consist of those geographic areas shown on the Official Zoning Map. This

District is configured to include all those lands which by virtue of their natural slope, soils, subsurficial geology and water tables relate directly to the recharge of groundwater into the large aquifer located in the Lawrence Swamp basin[, and which shall include the primary recharge area and a three hundred (300) foot buffer from the edge of the primary recharge area] consisting of the Zones I, II and III aquifer recharge areas for the Town of Amherst's public wells.

The following uses are [restricted or] prohibited[, as the case may be,] in the ARP District, except as part of normal agricultural operations.

3.2530[The release upon or within any land or water in the ARP District, of any hazardous material is prohibited, except as otherwise provided for in Section 3.25.]

Business and industrial uses, including but not limited to metal plating, chemical manufacturing, wood preserving, furniture stripping, dry cleaning and auto body repair, which generate, treat, process, store or dispose of hazardous waste, except for the following:

- 1.Very small quantity generators of hazardous waste, as defined by 310 CMR 30.00, as amended, may be allowed by the Special Permit Granting Authority in accordance with Section 3.250 of this bylaw;
- 2.Household hazardous waste collection centers or events operated pursuant to 310 CMR 30.390, as amended;
- 3. Waste oil retention facilities required by M.G.L. Ch. 21, Sec. 52A, as amended, and;
- 4.Treatment works approved by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection and designed in accordance with 314 CMR 5.00, as amended, for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters.
- 3.2531Industrial or commercial uses which [involve, as their primary business activity, hazardous material in amounts exceeding the minimum threshold amount requiring compliance with Mass. Dept. of Environmental Quality Engineering Hazardous Waste Regulations 310 CMR 30, as amended, are prohibited] dispose of process waste waters on-site.
- 3.2532[Commercial uses which involve, as their primary business activity, hazardous materials, including but not limited to, t]

 Truck or bus terminals, car washes, gasoline sales, motor vehicle service and repair shops, commercial fuel oil storage and sales[, and wood preserving, stripping and refinishing operations are prohibited], solid waste landfills, dumps, auto recycling, auto graveyards, junk and salvage yards, landfilling or storage of sludge and septage, with the exception of the disposal of brush or stumps.
- 3.2533[The use of septic system cleaners which contain hazardous materials, including but not limited to methylene chloride and 1-1-1 trichloroethane, is prohibited.]
- Underground storage [and/or transmission of oil or other] of liquid petroleum products [not in a containment structure approved by the Permit Granting Board, except for liquified petroleum gases and gasoline which shall require a Special Permit in accordance with Section 3.257, is prohibited], except for the following:
 - 1. Storage for normal household use, outdoor maintenance, and heating of a structure;
 - 2. Waste oil facilities required by statute, rule or regulation;
 - 3. Emergency generators required by statute, rule or regulation;
 - 4. Treatment works approved under 315 CMR 5.00 for treatment of ground or surface waters;
 - 5.Underground storage tanks for gasoline which existed at the time of adoption of this bylaw may be replaced, provided that any such replacement tank is of no greater volume, and shall be provided with a secondary containment system in compliance with the Massachusetts Fire Safety Code (527 CMR);
- provided that such storage, listed in items 1. through 5. above, is in free-standing containers within buildings or above ground and in either case is provided with secondary containment facilities, impermeable and capable of holding a spill equal to 1.5 times the total volume of the primary container. The replacement of any underground storage tanks for heating oil which existed at the time of adoption of this bylaw shall meet the requirements of the Board of Health.
- 3.2534The outdoor storage of sodium chloride, de-icing materials [or], pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers and other hazardous lawn and garden chemicals for home use is also prohibited.
- 3.2535Dumping or disposal on the ground, in water bodies, or in residential septic systems of any toxic chemical including but not limited to [The use of] septic system chemical cleaners which contain [hazardous materials] toxic chemicals [,including but not limited to] such as methylene chloride and 1-1-1 trichloroethane, [is prohibited] or other household hazardous waste.
- 3.2536Stockpiling and disposal of snow or ice removed from highways or streets located outside the ARP District that contains sodium chloride, calcium chloride, chemically treated abrasives or other chemicals used for snow and ice removal.
- 3.2537Wastewater treatment plants or works subject to a groundwater discharge permit under 310 CMR 5.00, except for the following:

- 1. The replacement or repair of an existing system that will not result in any increase in the design capacity of said system;
- 2. The replacement of an existing subsurface sewage disposal system with wastewater treatment works that will not result in any increase over the design capacity of the existing system, and;

- 3.Treatment works designed for the treatment of contaminated ground or surface waters subject to 314 CMR 5.00, as amended.
- 3.2538Industrial or commercial storage of sodium chloride and other de-icing materials, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, and other hazardous lawn and garden chemicals is prohibited. [Ice control measures shall not include the use of sodium chloride in this district.]
- 3.2539Excavation of earth, sand, gravel and other soils or geologic materials shall not extend closer than ten (10) feet above the long-term (20 year) average annual high water table on the site, except to provide for structural foundations [and], utility conduits and public works. This [restriction] prohibition also shall not apply to the installation or maintenance of on-site septic systems.

3.254 Restricted Uses

The following uses are restricted in the ARP District:

- 3.2540Sodium chloride, if used for ice control, shall be used at a level consistent with public highway safety standards. The base ratio shall be 1 part sodium chloride to 10 parts sand, with higher levels of sodium chloride used only where necessary to maintain public safety. Calcium chloride, chemically treated abrasives and other alternative de-icing materials shall be used to the maximum extent feasible for winter road maintenance. Municipal storage of all such snow and ice control chemicals shall occur on a paved surface, with berms, within a covered structure designed to prevent the generation and escape of contamination run-off or leachate.
- 3.2541Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and other leachable lawn and garden chemicals shall be used in accordance with the Lawn Care Regulations of the Massachusetts Pesticide Board, 333 CMR 10.03 (30,31), as amended, with manufacturer's label instructions, and all other necessary precautions to minimize adverse impacts on surface and groundwater.
- 3.2542Industrial or commercial uses which involve the storage, use or presence of any oil, petrochemical product, pesticide, herbicide, fertilizer, or other hazardous leachable materials on any site within the ARP District, shall require a Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals. A Special Permit shall be issued only upon a specific finding that the hazardous material(s) will be transported, stored, used and disposed of in a manner that will not constitute a threat to the Lawrence Swamp Aquifer. Any facility for the storage of such materials shall have secondary containment and shall be covered.

3.255 Drainage

- 3.2550To the extent possible, runoff from impervious surfaces shall be recharged on the site by being diverted to areas covered with vegetation for surface infiltration. No more than 15% of the net runoff from a lot, calculated after development, may be diverted out of the ARP District. All detention or retention basins, ponds and similar drainage structures shall be permanently maintained in full working order by the property owner, unless otherwise specified by the permit granting authority.
- 3.2551[The use of dry wells and retention ponds with appropriate winter alternatives are acceptable, provided that dry wells that receive runoff from roadways, driveways and parking areas shall be constructed with oil, grease, and sediment traps in the drainage way to facilitate removal of contaminating materials. A maintenance plan for any dry wells or other structures or site alterations intended to facilitate infiltration shall be submitted to the Permit Granting Board or to the Building Commissioner. Any lot having an impervious area less than 3,000 square feet shall be exempt from these requirements.]

The rendering impervious of more than 15% of the lot area or 2,500 square feet, whichever is greater, is permitted under a Special Permit, provided that a system for artificial recharge of precipitation to groundwater is developed which the Special Permit Granting Authority finds adequately protects against the degradation of groundwater quality. For non-residential uses, recharge shall be stormwater infiltration basins or similar systems covered with natural vegetation. Dry wells shall be used only when other methods are infeasible. For all non-residential uses, all such basins and wells shall be preceded by oil, grease and sediments traps to facilitate removal of contamination. Any and all recharge areas, basins, wells and traps shall be permanently maintained in full working order by the property owner.

3.256 Split Zoning

For any lot that is divided by the ARP District boundary, whose frontage is not located in the ARP District and for which a proposed use (allowed by the underlying zoning district) is restricted by either the location of the District boundary or the dimensional requirements of the ARP District, an owner may apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals, for a Special Permit for a waiver of the restrictions or dimensional requirements of the A[P]RP District provided the Board makes the findings required in Section 3.25[62]85.

3.257 Dimensional Regulations

3.2570Lot Coverage

Maximum lot coverage for residentially zoned land-15%

Maximum lot coverage for PRP zoned land-50%

3.2571Building Coverage

Maximum building coverage for residentially zoned land–10%

F.Renumber existing Section 3.256 as 3.258 and renumber existing subsections 3.2560-3.2562 as 3.2580-3.2582.

G.In the following sections, delete the language in brackets [], adding the shaded language and relocating and renumbering sections, as follows:

- 3.2583The applicant shall file six (6) copies of the proposed operating plan with the Zoning Board of Appeals (Special Permit)/Planning Board (Site Plan Review). Copies will be transmitted, within 7 days, to the ZBA/Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Aquifer Protection Committee, Department of Public Works, Board of Health, and Building Commissioner, for their review and recommendations.
- 3.2584The Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board may require [reasonable] such additional information [it] as they find[s] necessary for adequate assessment of the proposed use. The Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board may, consistent with their regulations adopted pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 44, 53G, employ outside consultants, including, but not limited to, hydrogeologists, in the review of the proposed use.
- 3.2585The following findings shall be made for any approvals granted:
 - 1. The permit granting Board shall find that the proposal either is in harmony or is not in harmony with the purposes and intent of this section and must specify reasons therefore.
 - 2.The permit granting Board shall find that the proposed use provides for adequate sewage disposal and water service systems.
 - 3. The permit granting Board shall find that the proposed use will not have an adverse environmental impact on any watershed, watercourse or water body in the ARP District during construction.
 - 4. The permit granting Board shall find that the proposed use will not adversely affect the quality and quantity of water in the Lawrence Swamp basin.
- 3.259 Exemptions & Residential Development

3.2590 Exemptions

In any instance where a property owner disputes the inclusion of their property in the ARP District, the owner may engage a professional hydrogeologist[,] or groundwater engineer [or geologist with experience in hydrogeology] to determine if that property should be included in the ARP District based on the definition and purposes of the district and on the characteristics of the property.

Based on this determination, the property owner may apply to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a Special Permit for any use that would otherwise be permitted in the underlying zoning district but which is prohibited or constrained by the restrictions in the ARP District. Sections 3.2583 and 3.2584 of this bylaw shall apply to all applications for exemption under this section. The Board [may] shall find, based on Sections 3.251 and 3.252, that the property either is or is not exempt from the provisions of Section 3.25 and may therefore issue a Special Permit.

3.2591 Residential Development

For all parcels of land which are located in both the ARP District and the Low Density Residence District (R-LD), the following requirements shall be met:

- 1.Residential subdivisions requiring approval under M.G.L. Ch. 41, The Subdivision Control Law, shall be laid out as cluster developments in accordance with Section 4.3 of the Zoning Bylaw.
- H. Remove Section 3.29, Aquifer Protection (AP) District, in its entirety.
- I. Amend Article 12, Definitions, by adding the following new sections:
- 12.30 Waste: Any discarded material, or any material otherwise generated or produced as a by-product of any activity which is not intended for further use by the generator or producer.
- 12.31 Wastewater Treatment Works Subject to 314 CMR 5.00: Any wastewater treatment plants or works, including community septic systems, which require a groundwater discharge permit from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).
- 12.32 Zone I Recharge Area: That area encompassed by a circle extending around the wellhead of a public drinking water well, with the wellhead at its center and including all land within a 400 foot radius.
- I2.33 Zone II Recharge Area: That area of an aquifer which contributes water to a public drinking water well under the most severe pumping and recharge conditions that can be realistically anticipated (180 days of pumping at safe yield, with no recharge from precipitation). It is bounded by the groundwater divides which result from pumping the well and by the contact of the aquifer with less permeable materials such as till or bedrock. In some cases, streams or lakes may act as recharge boundaries. In all cases, Zone II shall extend up-gradient to its point of intersection with prevailing hydrogeologic boundaries (a groundwater flow divide, a

contact with till or bedrock, or a recharge boundary).

In III Recharge Area: The land area beyond the area of Zone II from which surface water and groundwater drain into Zone II, as defined in 310 CMR 22.00, as amended.

Action taken on 5/10/95.

ARTICLE 37. Voted YES 128, NO 10 that the Town amend the Official Zoning Map in the following manner:

a)Combine the existing Aquifer Recharge Protection District (ARP), the Watershed Protection District (WP), and the Aquifer Protection District (AP) over and around the Lawrence Swamp Aquifer into a new Aquifer Recharge Protection District.

b)Revise the boundaries of the Aquifer Recharge Protection District

c)Refer this section back to the Planning Board. (Rezone certain properties located outside of the new ARP District from Low Density Residence (R-LD) to either Outlying Residence (R-O) or Neighborhood Residence (R-N).)

all as shown on "Planning Board Exhibits A + B, Aquifer Recharge Protection" dated March, 1995. Action taken on 5/10/95.

ARTICLE 38. DEFEATED YES 45, NO 84. Section 3.324 - Converted Dwellings Action taken on 5/10/95.

ARTICLE 39. DEFEATED YES 73, NO 59. Zoning Map Amendment - 417 West Street Action taken on 5/10/95.

10:38 p.m. The meeting voted to adjourn to Monday, June 19, 1995 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Amherst Regional Junior High School. 156 members were present.

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The adjourned meeting of Monday, June 19, 1995 was called to order by the Moderator at 7:41 p.m. 126 town meeting members were checked in

ARTICLE 40. Voted that the Town adopt the following resolution:

- "Whereas Amherst greatly values education and the maintenance of a strong and creative public schools system; and
- Whereas, our student population today is increasingly diverse in background, aptitudes and educational needs; and
- Whereas, financial resources are limited and must be carefully expended; and
- Whereas, longer term, or strategic, views are often helpful when dealing with increasingly complex issues; now, therefore

To request the School Committee to report at the Fall 1995 Town Meeting on the State of the Amherst Schools; such report to include:

- ${}^{\centerdot}\operatorname{Primary}$ goals for the system
- ${}^{\textstyle \bullet}$ How progress toward those goals is measured
- A projection of financial resources needed to meet said goals
- $\boldsymbol{\cdot} \operatorname{System} \operatorname{strengths}$
- System weaknesses
- Whatever other issues the School Committee determines should be in such report to Town Meeting" Action taken on 6/19/95.

ARTICLE 41. Voted that the Town adopt a resolution to the effect that the Town strongly supports the Select Board, the Town Manager, and our State Legislators in their efforts to obtain from the University and the Commonwealth fair compensation to the Town for the unfunded services provided by the Town of Amherst to the University.

Action taken on 6/19/95.

ARTICLE 42. Voted that the Town adopt the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, on February 16, 1994, the Massachusetts Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board voted to look for a site for the disposal of radioactive waste within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and

WHEREAS, "low level" radioactive waste as currently defined includes radioactive materials that are toxic and dangerous for thousands, even millions of years, and

WHEREAS, if any radioactive waste "disposal facility" were established within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it would be required to accept radioactive waste from producers within, as well as outside the Commonwealth,

1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED and voted by Town Meeting of the town of <u>Amherst</u> that:

- a. Town Meeting is opposed to the siting of any radioactive waste disposal facility in the town of <u>Amherst</u>;
- b. Town Meeting will oppose siting a radioactive waste facility in the Town of <u>Amherst</u>, or in any city or town bordering the Town of <u>Amherst</u>;
- 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Massachusetts Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Board be notified that they should not proceed with the siting of a radioactive waste "disposal facility" in the Commonwealth at this time, but instead:
- a. Make **source reduction and elimination** of radioactive wastes their primary management method, by writing, adopting and enforcing a detailed and aggressive plan for source reduction and elimination;
 - b. Make plans to **reclassify and separate** radioactive wastes by toxicity, intensity, and duration;

c. Hold producers of radioactive monitoring, storage and long-term environmental and l	e wastes responsible for all pres health effects of radioactive waste;	ent and future costs of	the management, trai	sportation,

- 3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that our Representatives in the Legislatures of the Commonwealth, at the State House, Boston MA 02133, be notified that citizens from any community which has been targeted to "host" a radioactive waste facility, and adjacent communities **must have the authority to vote** to approve or reject the siting of such a facility as detailed in House Bill 4539; and
- 4. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this Selectboard call upon President Clinton, at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20500, to establish an independent commission to publicly and comprehensively **review our national radioactive waste policy** and policies affecting the production of radioactive wastes."

 Action taken on 6/19/95.

The business of the warrant having been completed, the meeting voted to dissolve at 8:59 p.m. on June 19, 1995. 181 town meeting members were present.

Attest:

Cornelia D. Como Town Clerk